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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light Southeast winds, backing East-North-East; fair with scattered showers.
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BURMESE NAVY IN ACTION

Govt. Offensive Against Rebels

Rangoon, Aug. 25.—The Burma Navy went into action in the Irrawaddy Delta area tonight while, at the same time, Government forces intensified their offensive against the rebels in Central Burma.

Disclosing this, an official communiqué said naval patrol boats had shelled an insurgent-held village near the rice-exporting port of Basin, 90 miles west of Rangoon.

The communiqué reported a "bloody encounter" at Kyewpwe, a small town in the Toungoo district, about midway between Rangoon and the temple city of Mandalay.

THARAWADDY QUIET

The situation at Tharawaddy, on the vital Rangoon-Prome railway, was reported to be quiet. Tharawaddy has been the scene of several clashes since the insurrection began. The recapture of Prome, further to the north, is regarded as one of the Government's immediate objectives, and it was learned unofficially today that Government forces were steadily pushing towards that town.

Reports reaching here said the Government offensive in the Delta area of southern Burma has been bogged down by the drenching monsoon rains, and in several thrusts at insurgent "pockets" of resistance, troops had to wade knee-deep through muddy paddy fields.

The Burma Government Gazette tonight published the rules which will govern the country's first elections as an independent nation. Voting will be in April next year. Buddhist monks and other clergymen are barred from voting or standing as candidates.—Reuter.

Earthquake Rocks N. Argentina

Buenos Aires, Aug. 25.—A severe earthquake rocked Northern Argentina in the early hours of today. The first reports stated that three people were killed in the city of Salta, where telephonic communications were interrupted.

A slight tremor was felt simultaneously in Buenos Aires.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Why The Press Is Uninformed

THE Press, generally, will note with satisfaction the Hon. D. F. Landale's comments at Legislative Council yesterday when the Ordinance to relieve tenants from payment of rent in respect to the period of Japanese occupation and to adjust the rights of landlords and tenants was given its second and third reading. Mr. Landale complained that when the Ordinance was first drafted some misinformed editorialists were published, and they were misinformed because Government had refused to make available to the newspapers information regarding the proposed legislation which would have put newspaper editors on the right track. The rebuke directed at Government is not undeserved. Too often are the local newspapers placed in the position of trying to interpret official actions and policy for the public having been denied that full amount of information necessary to comment with complete confidence on the subject. Even the Press conference subsequently held by the Attorney General was more the product of the so-called misrepresentative editorialists than a spontaneous desire on the part of Government to take the Press into its confidence over the proposed legislation. Legislation, either mooted or in draft form does not need to be shrouded in secrecy, more especially when it deals with a matter of such wide public interest as the question of rent payments during the occupation period. There is an unfortunate tendency on the part of officials to withhold information concerning public matters on the plea that everything is top secret, when in fact, much is already common knowledge but lacking official confirmation and explanation. Government has a Public Relations Office which it consistently refuses to put to the best use. When Government has worked out some project or some legislation which it knows is

H.K. Woman Attacked In St Louis Hotel

A United Press report from St Louis says that the police are seeking the mysterious assailant of Mrs Louise Ching of Hongkong.

Mrs Ching told the police she retired to her room at the Hotel Jefferson about 10:30 p.m., leaving the door ajar while she telephoned her sister.

She said a man, wearing a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, forced his way into her room and grabbed her by the throat. Mrs Ching, who is 120 pounds and five feet tall, bit the man's thumb. She told the police she believed he was practically levered it. The man fled.

Mrs Ching is leaving for Chicago and Minneapolis today.

She is the wife of Dr Ronald Ching, who told the Telegraph this morning that she is at present studying social welfare in the St Louis University Hospital. She left for the United States in April of this year and intends to return to Hongkong next year. Mrs Ching at one time studied in the Chicago Rosary College, and is a teacher of languages and a social welfare worker.

U.S. Consulate Closure "Not Much Of A Loss"

Washington, Aug. 25.—Mr George Marshall, the Secretary of State, announced today that his Government accepted the Russian decision to close the American consulate in Vladivostok, and added:

"It's not much of a loss."

The movement of the American consul there were "so circumstantial as to make his activities of little value," he added.

Mr Marshall said the Russian action was "not entirely unexpected" by the State Department, and summed up the whole business as "regrettable though not a very serious matter."

AMTORC TO STAY

He pointed out that the Soviet Government would keep its business and commercial organization—AMTORC—running in New York.

Both in the Russian Embassy in Washington and the American Embassy in Moscow, consulates

would presumably be continued to take care of essential business, he said.

The Soviet Vice-Consul in New York, Mr Chepurnukh, said however that no official order to close the consulate had yet been received from his Government. He assumed that the order would first go to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. The Soviet Consul-General in San Francisco, Mr Konstantin A. Efremov, said that he was "awaiting clearance" for closing the consulate there.

Girls Locked Up With A Dead Man

Paris, Aug. 25.—Two little girls, aged seven and four, are under treatment at Herold Hospital here today, with their gaunt little faces still reflecting the panic of having been locked up for five days and nights with a dead man.

The police are searching for their parents. The couple left Paris 10 days ago on vacation after having received their "family allocation" card given to them by the States for support of children.

The two little girls, Josiane and Maude, were left in the care of the apartment house porter, Jacques Verpi, 47, an invalid. Verpi died suddenly, and the children found themselves locked up with his body in his one-room apartment.

Only when apartment house tenants began to wonder at the absence of their porter five days after his death were the police called to break down the door. The girls were unconscious from fear and hunger.—United Press.

Robbery Charge Against Woman

Washington, Aug. 24.—Mrs Jean Kenyon Lincoln, 26-year-old blonde of Sussex, England, appeared dressed in black here today before Municipal Court. Judge Almond Scott.

Several times she was on the verge of tears and clutched a handkerchief nervously.

Judge Scott ordered that Mrs Lincoln be held for grand jury trial under US\$10,000 bond on a charge of robbery.

Mrs Lincoln's American husband, Edward A. Lincoln of Fort Collins, Colorado, was shot dead by a Washington hotel manager as he tried to rifle the hotel's cash on Tuesday.

Mrs Lincoln was earlier today reported to have told the police that she started robbing hotels after her husband lost his job as a bulldozer operator.—Associated Press.

Stalin's Proposal To Envoys

Talks On Currency Control

BIG BERLIN ISSUE

London, Aug. 25.—An informed diplomatic source said today Prime Minister Josef Stalin has proposed a Berlin conference of big four financial experts to work out agreement on the control of the city's currency.

The United States, Britain and France, the source said, were considering the suggestion in talks this week and their envoys in Moscow have recommended acceptance.

Such a proposal could mean Russia has agreed in principle to Western demands for a share in administering the German capital's economy. It also could mean Russia recognises the Western powers' right to continue occupying Berlin—a right Moscow has challenged since the decision to set up a West German Government was taken.

The informant, who follows the East-West negotiations in Moscow from official reports, would not permit himself to be identified even by nationality. By four-power accord the Moscow talks are being conducted in secret, at least officially.

AID TO SETTLEMENT

Mr Stalin made the proposal at Monday night's nearly five hour long Kremlin conference, the source said.

The informant did not say whether the Russian leader's idea—which he described as a "new one"—was qualified by any conditions.

Expert agreement on Berlin currency control would eliminate the main stumbling block in the way of an East-West settlement of their Berlin quarrels.

They have been striving for such a settlement in Moscow since July 29. For the Western powers, the main objective still is the ending of the Russian blockade over Berlin.—Associated Press.

ENVOYS CONFER

Moscow, Aug. 25.—The three Western envoys in Moscow conferred amongst themselves today while the world awaited an expected four-power announcement.

It was not known whether the announcement would be forthcoming tonight or tomorrow. Nor was the exact form of the announcement known.

But it was reported it would probably be a brief summary of the accomplishments so far by the meetings with the Western powers and Soviet authorities in Moscow.

The announcement will probably be released simultaneously in the four capitals of Washington, London, Moscow, and Paris.

U.S. Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith, Britain's special representative Frank Roberts, and French Ambassador Yves Chatelain are not expected to continue their talks in Moscow much longer now.

Their discussions among themselves today were believed to be about fresh messages which were received from their home capitals.

For the future they will probably seek at least one more meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov before the Moscow phase of the present talks close.

Highly informed sources said yesterday all this should take about one week.

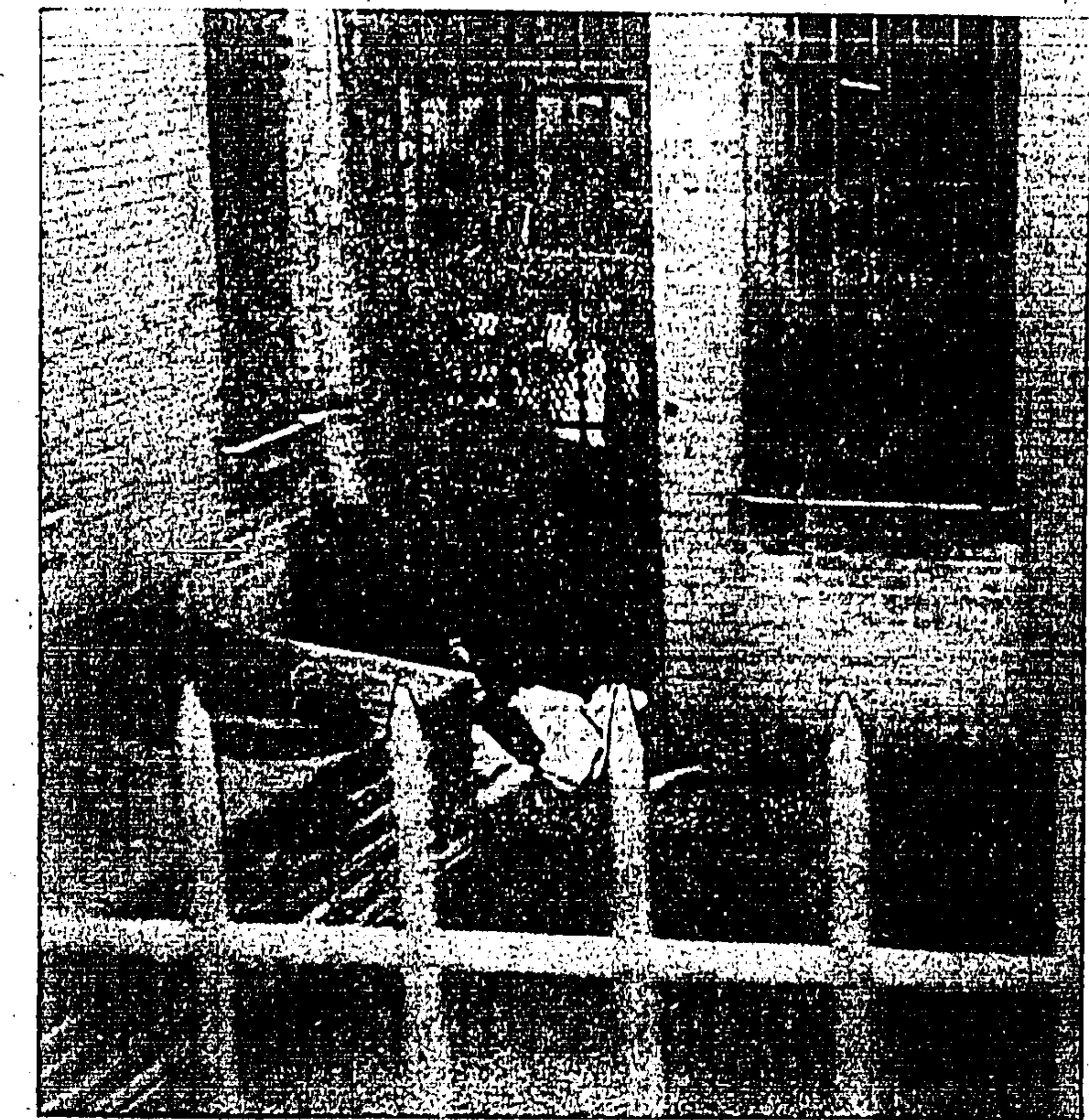
Informed sources here still hold to the view that the conversations have a fair chance of ending in agreement. They were more optimistic than they were two days ago when the three envoys went to the Kremlin and held their lengthy talks with Marshal Stalin and Molotov.—Associated Press.

An Unfortunate Rendezvous

Sardinia, Aug. 25.—Antonio Zucconi and Maria Slavona, both 18, had a secret rendezvous in a lumber yard near here yesterday. Antonio came smiling and kissed Maria.

He showed her a curious gadget he had found while awaiting her. It gave her another slip.

The gadget exploded and seriously wounded them both.—United Press.



Her right arm entangled in wire, her leg twisted and broken, and her clothes disarranged; Mrs Oksana Stepanovna Kosenkina lies at barred rear door of the Russian consulate building in New York. She told police she jumped from an upper storey of the building. Her first press interview since her recovery appears below.

—AP Picture.

Why Mrs Kosenkina Jumped From Consulate Window

WANTED TO ESCAPE FROM OFFICIALS

New York, Aug. 25.—In her first interview with the Press from her bed in the Roosevelt Hospital here, Mrs Kosenkina told reporters today that she jumped from a third storey window of the Russian consulate in New York because she wanted to escape. "I jumped to escape, not to kill myself," she said. The 52-year-old Russian school teacher added that she did not want to go back to Russia.

She said that the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Alexander Panyushkin, and the Consul General, Mr Jacob Lomakin, both told me what to say to reporters" at a press conference held in the Russian consulate on the day she was taken there from a White Russian refugee farm.

They told her, she said, that I would go downstairs and tell reporters this and this and this.

Mr Kosenkina said that when she returned to the Soviet consulate from the refugee farm, "I knew that since they did not permit me to leave the consulate I would not be able to escape in Russia either."

In reply to a question what was in the letter sent to Mr Lomakin from Reed Farm, she said she told the entire story of her life in Russia. She said that she had also told Mr Lomakin the story of her son and her husband.

"TRUE" TEACHER

Mrs Kosenkina's answer, as paraphrased by an interpreter, said that the Russians considered her a "true" teacher, even though her husband was destroyed. She said that they believed her knowledge as a teacher would be useful to the Soviet union.

She added, however, that the Russians called her "an enemy of the State" and she was "persecuted in many small ways."

Mrs Kosenkina said that in her letter she had asked to be released from her teaching assignment, and to move to an hotel. She said that she wanted to talk to the Russians as a human being, but they would not permit her and "perfunctorily arrested me."

Asked what Mr Panyushkin discussed with her at the consulate on the day she was returned there, Mrs Kosenkina replied: "I spoke with Mr Panyushkin for five minutes. I had written a letter to him asking him to bring me to the consulate which brought Mr Panyushkin into the picture."

PERSPIRING PATIENT

"I thought these people had a semblance of human mercy in them and would converse with me. Mr Panyushkin said that he would not

be able to remain there and not return to Russia.

"The reason I wanted to escape from my husband. I had no idea where he had gone to. I left Slovensk in the Ukraine to visit my son in Moscow. He was a first year student at the University.

"When the war broke out, he was not a military man, and not a member of the Komsovo (a young Communist League) and not a member of any political party. Therefore, the Soviets looked upon him as an enemy of the State.

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Commonwealth To Consider European Assembly Plan

London, Aug. 25.—Britain is to consult the Commonwealth Prime Ministers about the proposal that should take the lead in the formation of a European Assembly.

Letters on the subject between Mr Winston Churchill, the Conservative Opposition leader, and the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, issued by Mr Churchill, show that the Government is not opposed to a European Union but feels that the European Assembly proposal—supported last week by the French Government—needs a thorough examination.

The Prime Minister said that Britain's part in such an Assembly has an important bearing on Commonwealth relations. Before expressing any definite views, therefore, Britain will exchange opinions at the Commonwealth Conference in October.

"But, of course, I see no reason why the independent organisations concerned in the movement should not continue their work of spreading the idea of a European Union."

In his first letter to Mr Attlee, Mr Churchill said that the creation of a European Assembly would greatly help to create a sense of solidarity among the European peoples "in the face of the increasing dangers which beset them."

If suggested that the lead should be taken by Britain.—Reuter.

THE NEWEST UNDER THE SUN!

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Another Classic



By ALICE ALDEN

NO MATTER WHAT the current fashion fad may be the one-piece dress with a separate skirt and blouse look has become firmly entrenched and is well on its way to join the category of the classics. Tissue weight woolen is used for this neat one-piece made with a simple but effectively handled top of cocoon brown wool and a black wool skirt that is back buttoned in diagonal wrap-around effect. Black and brown will be a big colour combination this autumn.

PARTY PUNCH

For a particularly fine party punch pour 4 c. hot coffee (freshly made) over one pint of vanilla, coffee or chocolate ice cream in punch bowl. Blend lightly with egg beater until ice cream is partially melted. Add 1/2 pint more ice cream and sprinkle generously with nutmeg.

To dress up fruit cobblers, serve with nutmeg-flavoured hard sauce or custard sauce well-flavoured with cinnamon. And if come peach time, there is home-made peach ice cream at your house, then remember this notion: Crack a few peach pits and extract the nut. Add the peach nuts, chopped, to the cream mixture together with 1/2 tsp. of powdered mace to each quart of cream. The delicious flavour will have the family guessing!

Parents with children not doing well in school should, by all means, refrain from coaxing them to do better, according to Dorothy Mitchell, a staff member.

She says that only makes matters worse. It makes some children think their parents like them if they do well in school but don't love them for themselves.

"Regardless of what a child's trouble is, showing him you love him usually helps," she insists.

Psychologists of the unit travel to towns through Oklahoma, offering help without charge to persons who never take their emotional problems to a psychologist, as they would take physical ills to a doctor.

The organisation works principally with children. Members report remarkable success in making good pupils out of bad ones.

Talk With Parents

Usually they talk with parents of children who teachers say are not getting along well in school. In many cases they find the "problem" children are intelligent but unhappy.

Although sponsored by the committee for mental hygiene and the University of Oklahoma, the psychological unit is economically an orphan. Officials hope either the state or some private source will provide money to keep it going.

The unit is headed by Dr. W. Lommon, assistant professor of psychology.

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COLOURFUL BRETON



By ALICE ALDEN

THE COLOURFUL HAT has been riding high this summer, adding a bright note to dark sheers. Madame Reine designed this sophisticated breton of vivid pink ballbunt. A wide band of emerald green satin crosses the crown and emerges below the rolling brim to lie under the chin. Matching pink iris accent one side of the crown and the under-chin bow. This is a franky pretty, flattering hat.

RED RYDER



He Stood Too Close



BY FRED HARMAN

Lovely Hands Are Appealing



Courtesy La Crete
Use of a good hand cream is just as important during the summer months as it is in the winter.

By HELEN FOLLETT

BEAUTIFUL hands carry a strong appeal. Any woman can have them who is willing to take protective measures to give them the beauty they need. Big hands, or little ones, long or short, the shape does not matter much if the skin surface is beautifully smooth and white, nails perfectly groomed. Graceful movements impart distinction to pretty hands. If you feel that your hands have gone a bit scrubby—they may if you are a demon gardener and don't wear working gloves—act out to make them attractive. They will repay you tenfold.

Avoid strong soaps. Keep them out of hot water as much as you can. If you are a home maker, wear rubber gloves when doing rough work. If by chance you find little grey lines in your knuckles add some cornmeal when scrubbing them; it will whisk the lines out in a jiffy.

Preparing vegetables, putting up fruit, roughens the hands. Have a cut lemon at hand, plunge your finger

tips in it, friction it over the backs of your hands. It will remove stains, will help if you have picked up a dock of summer freckles. Use lotion or a good hand cream once a day. Don't fancy that lotions are only for winter service. One needs them all the year round.

Because of frequent washing, the skin surface is deprived of the natural oil that keeps it smooth. Hence the need of a cream.

When applying a cream don't forget that plenty of friction forces it into the flesh, making for better results. Thump your knuckles, cream your wrists, give your elbows more attention. Elbows seldom qualify. The flesh there is inclined to be coarse and grey.

Keep the cuticle free of the finger nail fabric. If it clings slightly, the skin will break, hangnails will form, and they will not add to gaiety of existence. Every night the cuticle should be lubricated. Oil won't remove polish, so don't worry about that.

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Shadows Changed into Fish

—They Had Fun Swimming in the Brook—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, were swimming down the brook, darting in and out among the rocks, turning and leaping through the sun-sparkling water as swiftly as fish. To tell you the truth, though you'll hardly believe it, they had become changed into fish. When they stopped for a moment in a deep pool where the water fell, all froth and bubbles, from the high rocks just overhead, they looked at each other in astonishment.

They had spills and scales and fins!

It had all come about after they met their friend King Nep a few minutes before. They found him sitting as usual on his mossy rock in the middle of the brook just beyond where the willow tree dipped its branches into the water. King Nep was saying—as he had said many times before—that he had once been King of the Seven Seas, long ago when his name was King Neptune.

"If you were once King of the Seven Seas, what are you now?" Knarf had asked.

Sad Voice

"Now," replied King Nep in a sad voice, "I'm only King of this tiny brook. Still it's not a bad little brook to be king of. Would you care to see it?"

"Oh, we've seen it lots and lots of times," Hand told him. "We've walked up and down it ever since we were little."

Little King Nep shook his head. "That's not the way to see a brook. You've only seen the top of it. The right way to see a brook is to swim along the bottom, from the beginning of it to the spot where it joins the river to go down to the sea. Let me just change you into fish and you'll see what I mean...."

So he spoke a few words which Knarf and Hand couldn't understand, and then he waved the small three-pronged stick that he always kept by his side—and in instant later Knarf and Hand were flashing through the water as though they had been fish all their lives instead of just shadows-of-children.

And what a pleasant, merry, wonderful trip it was, gliding through the water as easily as swallow glide through the air. How different the brook looked from the



While they were swimming in the brook the shadows saw a duck.

way it did when they saw it from above!

They saw the frogs sitting high up on the banks, with their heads pointed up toward the sky. They saw a duck paddling across the brook and saw only her moving legs and her white feathers until suddenly she tipped over—and then they saw only her snapping black eyes and her yellow beak.

They met snails climbing up the stems of water-plants. They saw water-bugs and water-beetles scurrying along the mud and sand at the bottom. They looked up through the water and saw a little boy fishing.

But the best fun of all was racing through the water with all the other fish—a great crowd of them, jumping and laughing and splashing. The brook wound across the pasture where the cows came to drink, and moved slowly around the foot of the hill among the dark pines. They saw a rabbit drinking water at the edge and listening with its ears cocked for a fox. They saw a robin taking a bath and a little girl sailing a wooden boat with her brother.

And finally, when they reached the spot where the brook joined the river to go down to the sea, all at once they found themselves on the bank again, once more back in their old shapes. They took them quite a while to walk all the way to the place where they left King Nep. And when they got there, he was gone. All they could find was a little note which read: "Hope you enjoyed your trip." And they did.

Experience Builds Success

By KATHERINE HOUSON

CERTAIN things happen to you and entirely different ones to your pals. Your experiences help you climb YOUR success ladder, and your pals get the ones they need for theirs. These experiences are rungs in the ladder and you can step up each time you accept the happening and learn the lesson it has for you.

Experiences make growing up such a thrilling and exciting time. They challenge you mentally, morally, and physically. They are opportunities and they are obligations, and your way of meeting them decides not only the sort of person you will be, but what you will make of your life.

Fall?

Suppose you fall in an examination—what do you do? Do you groan and grumble, blame—the teacher, claim the questions weren't fair? Or do you accept the experience as a joie to awaken you to the fact you don't know all you should and you need to buckle down and do more studying? If you want to climb that particular rung toward your goal, whether you use your experience to help you climb or do nothing and just wait until where you are depends entirely on your reaction to what happened.

Deefle to accept the things that happen to you as rungs by which you can climb that success ladder.

Broken Leg No Barrier To Boy Ballplayer

Superior, Wis.—It took more than a broken leg to keep 13-year-old Tommy Lohken out of a baseball game.

Tommy broke the leg sliding into second base in a practice game. But the youngster hobbled to the mound three weeks later to pitch his team to a 6-3 victory in an important game.

He also contributed three hits to his club's attack. His only concession to the injury was that a substitute ran for him.

Rupert & Ting-Ling—22



Rupert find himself led into a courtyard where a very little old man is seated. That must be the mandarin, Li-poo, he thinks. Ting-Ling stands in front of the man and says, "O honourable grand-daddy, this is Rupert Bear," he says. "I bring him to show how Chinaman fish, yes please!" Rupert stares. "How wonderfully polite he is," he murmurs. "I wonder if I ought to do that to my daddy when I get home again."

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HAPPY REUNION—Reunited with her seeing-eye dog after his disappearance from her Chicago home, Virginia Elk, 18, smiles with joy. Philip Lunardi, right, found the dog outside his home and returned it to the grateful girl.



MIRACLE CELLS?—U.S. Federal inspectors are investigating the claims of John Brown, shown holding one of the "master cells" which he says doubled crops on some Massachusetts farms. The cell is also supposed to give renewed life to farm animals. Records show Brown has been charged before for practising medicine illegally.



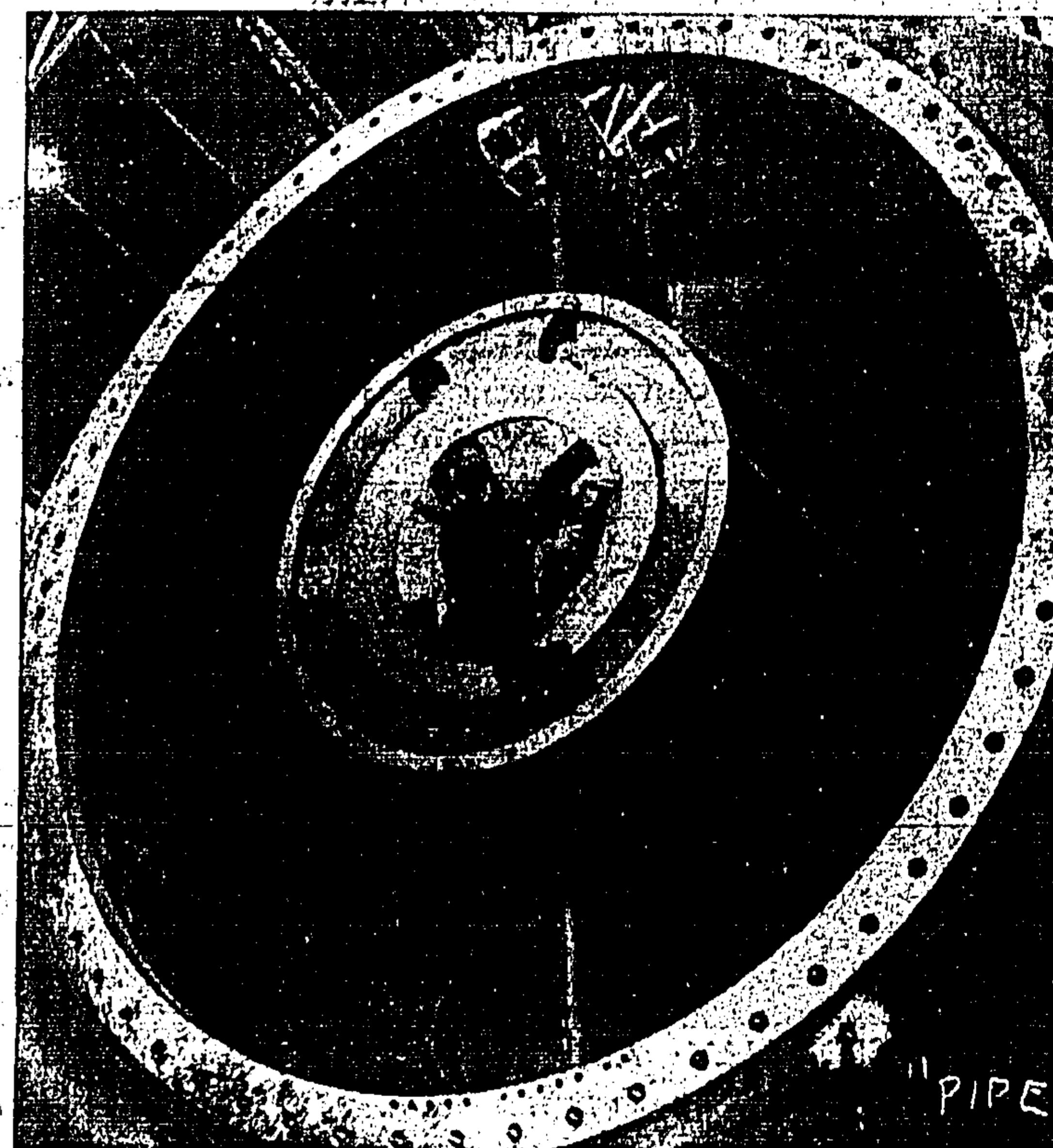
ANGRY MOB—Carrying anti-government banners and red flags, 250,000 Milanese leftists crowd the Piazza Duomo to hear Communist speakers condemn the Italian Government for the attempted assassination of Communist leader Palmiro Togliatti. Placard in centre reads: "Togliatti is a symbol that will not die."



INTERNATIONAL GATHERING—These youngsters, representing a veritable cross section of New York's melting pot who helped to send 10,000 bibles to Holland, gather around a church worker for a last look before the books make their journey overseas.



MODERN VENUS—The breeze toys with the classic Grecian costume of a Twentieth-Century Venus as she stands high on a Hollywood hilltop. Ava Gardner lends her beauty—and at least one arm—to the modern conception of legendary glamour.



MAN AND MACHINERY—This workman looks very small as he fits easily into a bearing centred in a huge casting at a large turbine plant at Schenectady, New York. The casting is part of a turbine-generator set with a 100,000 kilowatt rated capacity.

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MEN FROM MARS?—Gas-masked and helmeted police of the Detroit riot squad charge through a smokescreen in V-formation as they practise commando tactics. The rehearsal was a preview of a public demonstration given at the University of Detroit stadium.

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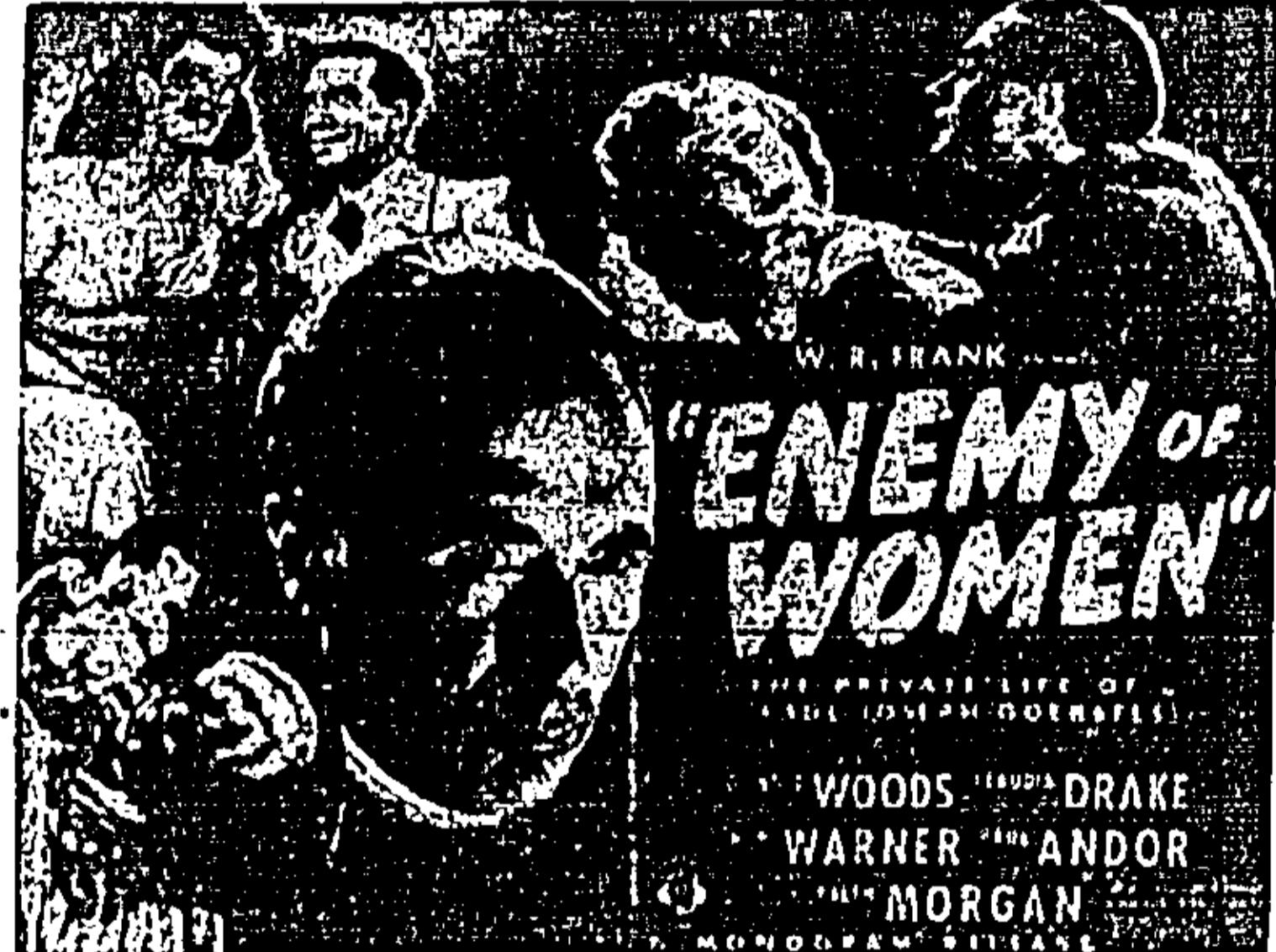
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ONCE more a French Canadian, Mr. Louis Stephen St. Laurent, becomes leader of the Canadian Liberal Party and Prime Minister-Designate in succession to Mr. Mackenzie King.

There are notable similarities between St. Laurent and the great Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who was French Canadian Prime Minister between 1896 and 1911: in handsome appearance, in broad statesmanship, in law training, in condemnation of religious and racial bias. And St. Laurent sits in the Ottawa Parliament for Quebec East, the constituency represented by Laurier for most of his political career.

Laurier chose Mackenzie King to be his heir. Now Mr. King places the mantle on man of his own race. Although the choice was made by the Liberal Party in convention, it is clear that the long-sighted bachelor Prime Minister had St. Laurent in mind when he called him from a lucrative private law practice to be his Minister of Justice eight years ago, when St. Laurent was 58.

St. Laurent has many friends in London. They remember him when he was there in 1940 as a grey-haired, upright man with the figure of a Guards' officer, a trim, military moustache, the polished manners of a courtier. He is the best-dressed man in the Ottawa parliament.

Those who met him then recalled his favourite subject, friendship between the French-Canadians and those of British stock. They found him equally fluent and witty



LOUIS ST. LAURENT

whether speaking French or English. Hardly a trace of accent exists. Irish blood is mixed with the dominant French stock. His mother was a Broderick. The blend happily carries out the new Liberal leader's convictions. He is a Catholic and has five children.

St. Laurent would be materially richer if he remained in law. His Quebec firm of St. Laurent, Gagné, Devlin and Taschereau is one of the biggest fee-earners in the Dominion. As a Cabinet Minister he received £2500, plus £1000 as MP, £250 car allowance and £600 tax-free expenses—probably less than half his professional income. As Prime Minister he will have £3750 and allowances.

The new chief has no easy task ahead. Next year he faces a general election against the formidable Conservative Opposition led by Mr. John Bracken, the farmer, and Mr. Gordon Graydon, the young Tory opposite number to Mr. Herbert Morrison. And entrenched in Ontario are the mounting forces of Conservatism directed by Colonel George Drew.

St. Laurent follows Laurier in his placing of Commonwealth before national interest. Last year he said: "Canada will not give up Imperial Preference unless she secures something better. She regards Empire Preference as precious."

George Gorman

Rumania's Anti-Yugoslavia Campaign

STINGING PROTEST NOTE BROADCAST

London, Aug. 25.—Yugoslavia late today accused Foreign Minister Ana Pauker and other Rumanian officials of trying to bring about the overthrow of the Yugoslav government.

A Belgrade broadcast by the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug monitored in London by tele-radio said the accusation was made in a note handed to the Rumanian Ambassador in Belgrade by Yugoslav Foreign Minister Stanoje Simic.

"Responsible state officials of Rumania in their speeches and articles in the Press call upon the citizens of the Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia to revolt and overthrow the legal government of the Federated People's Republic of Yugoslavia."

"Thus, for example, Mme Ana Pauker, Foreign Minister of Rumania, openly calls for the elimination of the present state leadership in Yugoslavia."

Controls To Come Off

States To Act In Australia

Melbourne, Aug. 25.—State representatives have agreed to slash price control on thousands of items.

State ministers began running price control in September, following the country's overwhelming "No" vote in the recent referendum on whether price control should stay with the federal government.

Other points thrashed out were:

1. Every possible control should be jettisoned.

2. Controls should stay on goods and services of "everyday use in the household budget and of basic importance in living and production," and on those which are scarce.

3. Controls should go where a big price leap is not likely, where an item is plentiful and competition among suppliers keen, and where the control could not be enforced.

EXPORT PRICES

The Commonwealth will be asked to set export prices for such goods as leather, tallow and minerals, which bring high prices abroad.

The states intend to fix the home price to stop a living cost spiral.

New South Wales has put in a list of 17,000 to 18,000 items it wants decontrolled. The list will swell as other states add their suggestions.

Delegates were quick to point out the New South Wales list covered items, and not commodities, and one commodity might appear 200 or 300 times in the schedule.

Items for decontrol will stay secret to forestall speculation and hoarding.—United Press.

On His Way Home

New York, August 25.—The Soviet Vice Consul, Zolt Chepurny, left the Russian Consulate today and told reporters he was on his way to La Guardia airport and was going "for good."—Associated Press.

Wins Humane Act Award



Richard Swank, 15, of Mentor, Ohio, (above) is shown with the dog he found along railway tracks and nursed back to health. Swank was awarded the 1948 National Humane Act Award by the American Veterinary Medical Association.—AP Picture.

RESCUE WORKERS BUSY



Rescue workers cover one of the spectators injured when an explosion threw glass and debris into crowd watching firemen fighting a fire in Reno, Nev. Most injured were suffering from loss of blood and an appeal for donors brought quick response.—AP Picture.

Has Lenin's Global War Already Started?

SIGNS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

London, Aug. 26.—Developments in Southeast Asia have given rise in London to the question of whether the fighting war which Lenin envisioned as the inevitable climax of Communist world revolution may not have begun already.

British are convinced that they are fighting in China to some degree the French are fighting in

China a concerted military effort by Communists.

Thus the actual insurrection, rather than the infiltration tactics used in Europe, seems to be the weapon adopted by something which looks like a Far Eastern Comintern.

British officials say they do not know whether this organisation was formed at a meeting in Calcutta last year or whether it was formed previously, perhaps at a conference in Manchuria under Moscow auspices. But the intelligence reports indicate clearly that all the disorder throughout Southeast Asia is being carried out under a unified command implementing the Calcutta decisions.

CHINESE COMMUNISTS

Much of the activity has been traced to Chinese Communists working among Chinese immigrants to Southeast Asia who have always been an irritating element among the Malays. There are 1,880,000 of these Chinese in Malaya and if the population of Singapore is included they outnumber Malaya's 2,130,000 native Malays. But of this number only a tiny minority are involved in the current uprising—perhaps about 5,000. They are described here as largely the remnants of Chinese Communist forces which took to the hills to obstruct the Japanese during the war, plus a certain number of professional bandits.

Victor Purcell, one of Britain's chief experts on the area says that "to the observer at a distance the scale and intensity of the present operations suggest that the Communist direction (during the war) was not wasting their forces against the Japanese but reserving them for use against their then allies."

He added that "it also suggests the intervention of some more efficient determined force from the outside."

OCTOBER DEADLINE

So far Britain and France have been facing their problems individually. France is reported to have sent 200,000 troops in Indo-China. That is a major portion of her entire army and the necessity for keeping it there contributes to nervousness in Western Europe right now where military strength is badly needed as a background for diplomatic negotiations with Russia.

Britain expects to clean up the military portion of her trouble in Malaya in October. New troops are going out for an operation after the monsoons which will be comparable to the recent campaigns of the Greek Army against the guerrillas there. The odds will be about 20,000 to 5,000 in Britain's favour then. But nobody is quoting odds as yet in the world's Communist war in Europe in the Middle East or in Asia.—Associated Press.

She questioned the view that the murder had no political significance. Mrs Becker said her husband wrote to her a week ago about "Communist intentions" in Malaya and about a "Russian scheme" to weaken the colonial powers by stirring up insurrections.

She added that her husband believed that this policy would not affect Singapore for some time.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR MALAYA

Washington, Aug. 25.—United States State Department officials said today that \$50,000 worth of American small arms and ammunition were sent to Malaya by air in the last two months.

The supplies were to help against Communist-led disorders in Malaya. The supplies, according to officials, were bought by private individuals and will chiefly be used for the defense of American-owned rubber plantations and tin mines.

The State Department approved the sales, added the officials.—Associated Press.

Palestine Peace Talks Denied

ARAB CHIEF'S WARNING

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 25.—Israel today denied American press and radio reports—already contradicted by the Arabs—that Jewish-Arab peace talks were in progress in an unnamed foreign capital.

At the same time it was announced in Damascus that unification of the command of Arab forces will be among the chief items on the agenda of a meeting of the Arab League Political Committee in Egypt between September 5 and 15.

An Israeli Foreign Office spokesman said here today that "New York radio reports that the Israeli Foreign Minister had announced talks were proceeding with the Arabs to explore the possibilities of peace, and that such talks were presumed to be taking place in a foreign capital, are without foundation."

This followed two Arab denials last night.

Arab Legion sources in Amman claimed today that sporadic sniping, and sniping from Jewish positions south and west of Jerusalem yesterday had led to exchanges of fire which had been seen by United Nations' observers.

A United Nations' spokesman in Jerusalem warned the observers against the consequences of what he called "continued Jewish violations."

FLAGRANT VIOLATION

He declared that the Arabs were capable of driving out Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews "after which the observers would see for themselves that our action was justified."

A United Nations spokesman in the Holy City today described as a "flagrant violation of the truce" the Israeli refusal to withdraw from part of the Red Cross security zone south of Jerusalem which they still occupied.

Jewish forces had promised to evacuate the zone by Monday evening but Col. Moshe Dayan, Commander of the Israeli Sixth Brigade, said they would re-enter the Agricultural School in the zone if the Egyptian Army did not answer proposals for an adequate no-man's land around the zone.

Meanwhile, a court case to test the legality of Britain's detention of more than 11,000 Jews on Cyprus opened at Famagusta today.

A leading Nicosia lawyer applied to the court for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a 25-year-old Jewish camp leader. He was brought to Cyprus on May 25, last year, in a British transport.—Reuter.

Anaemia Has One Advantage

Buffalo, New York, Aug. 25.—Atomic radiation is less harmful to anaemia sufferers than to healthy persons, according to five Chicago scientists attending the International Society of Hematology Congress.

Research workers affiliated with the Argonne National Laboratory and the University of Chicago demonstrated their findings at the Society's four-day annual meeting.

They explained, "Radiation from atomic bombs or X-rays can destroy bone marrow where the red and white blood cells are made. When the marrow is damaged, production of blood cells falls off and anaemia results."

The scientists, Drs L. O. Jacobson, M. H. Block, E. K. Marks, E. T. Gaston and S. L. Simmons, conducted radiation experiments on animals. They found that normal animals exposed to radiation developed anaemia and took a considerable time to recover, while animals which were anaemic before the experiment escaped the ill-effects of radiation. The latter were not affected by doses of radiation which probably would kill a human being.

The scientists stressed, however, that it would not be practical to make humans anaemic in order to escape radiation dangers.—United Press.

ON THE ROCKS

London, Aug. 25.—For the first time in many years today, a member of the London Stock Exchange announced himself to be on the rocks.

At the close of trading, it was announced that Mr Charles Ernest Simkins, trading as Chimpkins, had begged "to inform the house he can no longer comply with his bargains,"—United Press.

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